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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS WITH EXCURSION FARE TICKETS

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POST WOULD LIKE TO RECAPITULATE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS OF  
ISSUING EXCURSION RATE TICKETS (\$500 AT HIGH SEASON) FOR IV  
GRANTEES AND PARTICIPANTS IN EDUCATIONAL STUDY PROJECTS. SINCE  
SHORTLY AFTER WHEELUS FLD CLOSED, THERE HAS BEEN NO DIRECT TWA  
FLTS FROM TUNIS TO THE US. PASSENGERS HAVE TO BE TRANSITED THROUGH  
EITHER ROME OR PARIS FOR DIRECT FLTS TO NY OR DULLES RESPECTIVELY.  
TRANSITING ROME BY IV GRANTEES AND STUDENT GROUPS, OUR PREVIOUS  
ROUTING, PROVED COUNTER- PRODUCTIVE FOR MANY REASONS-- THE NEED TO  
CHANGE AGAIN IN NYC FOR WASHINGTON, ARRIVAL IN DC LATE IN THE  
EVENING IMPOSING PROBLEMS FOR CU, GAI AND GOT EMB. TRANSITING  
THROUGH PARIS KEEPS VISITORS IN FRANCOPHONE AREA, PERMITS ARRIVAL  
AT DULLES IN MID- AFTERNOON, IMPOSING NO PROBLEMS FOR PROGRAMMERS.  
IT IS A GOT CURRENCY CONTROL REGULATION, AND CERTAINLY NOT A  
LACK OF BRIEFING, THAT HAS PROHIBITED THE POST FOR MANY YEARS  
FROM GIVING THE \$35 TRAVEL ALLOWANCE TO DEPARTING IV GRANTEES  
WHICH THEY COULD APPLY AGAINST OVERNIGHTING IN PARIS IN A  
MODERATE HOTEL WHICH COSTS AROUND 9 DINARS, 97 FRANCS OR ABOUT  
\$25. WITH EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL PROJECTS, WHICH COMPRISE THE BULK  
OF THE COUNTRY BUDGET, THERE IS OF COURSE NO TRAVEL ALLOWANCE.  
WITH THE PRESENT SYSTEM WE SAVE \$400 ON EACH EXCURSION FARE,  
OBLIGE THE PARTICIPANT TO PAY AROUND \$40 OF THE \$100 (50 T. D.)

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HE CAN CONVERT AT THE CENTRAL BANK FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL FOR HIS  
OVERNIGHT IN PARIS, AND OBLIGE HIM TO RETURN DIRECTLY TO TUNIS  
UPON COMPLETION OF THE US TRAVEL, WHEN HE OFTEN HAS OFFICIAL  
BUSINESS IN PARIS UPON COMPLETION OF THE US VISIT. WE ARE  
WILLING TO PUT UP WITH THIS PROBLEM RATHER THAN SPEND \$900  
(ECONOMY CLASS, HIGH SEASON) ON EACH GRANTEE, THEREBY HOPING  
TO DOUBLE THE OVERALL PARTICIPATION OF TUNISIANS IN ALL CU  
PROGRAMS, BUT WE FELT CU/ AF SHOULD BE APPRISED OF ALL THE  
FACTORS INVOLVED.  
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